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Dear Sirs:

The Applicant, who received the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority relating to the above-identified International Application transmitted on April 20, 2004, hereby files amendment under Article 19(1) as in the attached sheets.

In claims 1, 6 and 9, "a recording apparatus are directly connected" is amended to – a recording apparatus communicate with each other --, respectively. All the remaining claims are retained unchanged.

Very truly yours,

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Attachment: Amendment under Article 19(1)

4 sheets

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